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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
IPC 7 A47C17/62 A47B85/06

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	FR 467 816 A (MAISON M.) 22 June 1914 (1914-06-22)	1,2,6
A	the whole document ---	3-5,7-10
X	US 1 339 669 A (ANDREW RAPP) 11 May 1920 (1920-05-11)	1,2,6
A	the whole document ---	3-5,7-10
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**Documents considered to be relevant:**

Category	Identity of document and relevant passage	Relevant to claims
A	GB 1149304 (MCINTOSH & CO.)	
A	DE 2344637 (POERINK) see esp. attached WPI abstract	

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